

Making Government Work for You

My offices are happy to assist you in dealing with federal agencies. Often, simply having the right contact numbers can provide you with the answers you are seeking. I have compiled a list below of helpful phone numbers. Additional information is available on my website at www.house.gov/john.

Veterans Administration Medical Center

Alexandria
1-800-375-8387

Veterans Administration

Clinic, Lafayette
337-261-0734

Veterans Administration

Clinic, Jennings
337-824-1000

Veterans Administration

Regional Office, New Orleans
1-800-827-1000

Internal Revenue Service

Problem Resolution Office
1-800-829-1040

Social Security Admin.

1-800-772-1213

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

1-800-669-4000

USA Jobs by Phone

478-757-3000

Federal Bureau of Investigation

New Orleans Field Office
504-816-3000

U.S. Passport Agency

New Orleans
504-412-2600

Office of U.S. Senator John Breaux

202-224-4623

Office of U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu

202-224-5824

Our American Flag

The American flag symbolizes freedom, liberty and all of the values that we as Americans hold dear. I am pleased to provide constituents with the opportunity to purchase an American flag through my office. However, since the tragic events of September 11, the demand for flags has grown as patriotic spirit has flourished. That demand has overwhelmed the House of Representatives Office Supply Store. I encourage you to continue to order flags through my office, but I ask your patience in delivery of these flags. For prices and policies or to download a flag request form, please visit my website at

<http://www.house.gov/john/flags.htm>

or contact my Washington, D.C. office.



Congressman John was honored to present an American flag to the veterans of American Legion Post 225 in Church Point.

Stay in Touch With Congressman John

Lafayette District Office

800 Lafayette Street, Suite 1400
Lafayette, LA 70501
(337) 235-6322

Lake Charles District Office

1011 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 306
Lake Charles, LA 70601
(337) 433-1747

Washington, DC Office

1504 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-2031
(202) 225-5724 FAX

On the Internet

www.house.gov/john

Via E-Mail

christopher.john@mail.house.gov

Attention High School Students:

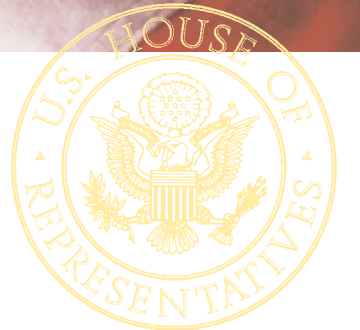
The Annual Congressional Art Competition is set for April 13, 2002. Details coming to your high school soon.

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CONGRESSMAN Chris John

Serving the Nation ♦ Listening to You



Working for South Louisiana's 7th Congressional District

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Dear Friend,

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you in the U.S. House of Representatives throughout this tumultuous first session of the 107th Congress. The year began with so much promise when I was invited by the Speaker of the House to join him in presenting the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, with the Congressional Gold Medal for his longstanding efforts to promote global peace. When we started the year, the economic forecasts all projected budget surpluses into the foreseeable future and Congress focused its attention on tax cuts, a comprehensive energy policy and education reform.

The tragic events of September 11, changed every American's life and prompted Congress to refocus its agenda on domestic security. Congress has provided President Bush with the resources and legal authority to fight terrorism and those who would harbor it abroad; we have enacted landmark legislation to make air travel in this country more secure; and, provided emergency relief to the families, businesses and communities impacted by the attacks.

I am very proud to say that while the challenges facing our country are still great, America has never been more united in fighting terror. As a nation, our patriotism, sense of community and spiritual faith is stronger than it was a year ago. Moreover, the men and women of our armed forces and our law enforcement and emergency response communities, have made us all proud of their courage and bravery in the fight against evil.

As we begin the second session of the 107th Congress I pledge to continue fighting for the policies, projects and values that the people of Southwest Louisiana expect from their Congressman. Please take a moment to fill out the enclosed survey so that I can get your feedback on several important issues that will be under consideration.

God Bless America.

Sincerely,



In January, Congressman John had the great honor to meet with Pope John Paul II in Rome to present him with the prestigious Congressional Gold Medal. The Pope accepted Congress' highest honor during a private audience with House leaders.

Planning a Trip to Our Nation's Capital?

I am happy to request VIP passes for select tours in the Washington, D.C. area for visiting constituents. Please contact my Washington office for further information or to request an informational packet on our nation's capital. In light of the events of September 11, building closures and tour availabilities change frequently, so prior to your trip please visit www.house.gov/john and click on "Constituent Services" for the latest updates.



Washington, DC Mail Delay

If you've mailed a letter or package to my Washington office during the month of October or since, chances are I haven't received it. Due to the anthrax threat, mail delivery to congressional offices has been greatly curtailed. At this point, it is unclear when normal mail service will be restored. In the meantime, please depend on phone calls, faxes or e-mails to reach my D.C. office, or contact either of my offices in South Louisiana. Thank you for your patience and your feedback.

Fighting for Issues Important to You...

Farm Bill Moves Forward

Record low crop prices and high production costs over the past few seasons make this year's debate on a new agricultural support policy more important than ever. On October 5, the House was able to pass a new Farm Bill which I believe is a good response to the current agricultural crisis.

The following are a few provisions especially pertinent to Southwest Louisiana:

- ❖ \$166.8 billion for agriculture programs
- ❖ \$16 billion for conservation programs
- ❖ Counter-cyclical safety net payments
Rice Target Price = \$10.82
Soybean Target Price = \$5.86
- ❖ Fixed, decoupled payments
Rice = \$2.35/cwt
Soybeans = \$0.42/cwt
- ❖ Continued NRCS T.A. implementation
- ❖ Waiver on beneficial interest for LDPs
- ❖ Increased LDP limit to \$150,000

House Passes Comprehensive Energy Bill

On August 2, the House passed H.R. 4, the Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE) Act. The bill provides conservation, production and research initiatives to safeguard our national energy security and lessen our dependence on foreign sources of oil and natural gas. H.R. 4 would increase domestic energy supplies while promoting renewable and non-conventional fuel production. Louisiana continues to play a critical role in meeting America's energy needs and the enactment of a comprehensive energy bill will be good for our state and the nation's economic growth and security. I will continue to work with President Bush to see the SAFE Act signed into law during the second session of Congress.

Ensuring America's Safety

In response to the recent terrorist attacks, Congress and the Bush Administration are working together to ensure the safety of U.S. citizens. Recently passed by Congress and signed into law, the PATRIOT Act allows increased information sharing among various government agencies; authorizes funds to triple the number of Border Patrol agents and border inspectors; authorizes detention of aliens who have been designated security threats by the Attorney General; and directs the Attorney General to expand monitoring of foreign students.

Aviation security legislation also recently passed Congress and was signed into law. It authorizes increased use of federal air marshals; requires strengthened cockpit doors; mandates the screening of all checked luggage; requires baggage screeners to be federal employees, U.S. citizens, and to pass criminal background checks; and creates a new Transportation Security Administration.

For current information on national security efforts and what you can do to help, visit the website of the Office of Homeland Security at

www.whitehouse.gov/homeland.



After the September 11 attacks, Congressman John toured the destruction at the Pentagon in Virginia and met with military leaders to discuss national security.



Congressman John met with President Bush to discuss Louisiana's role in meeting America's energy needs.

107th Congress ♦ 1st Session

How I Voted

	YES	NO	ROLL CALL VOTE
Anti-terrorism Legislation (PL107-56)	✓		398
Abortion in Federal Prisons		✗	235
Aviation Security (PL107-71)	✓		448
Expand Brady Gun Laws		✗	244
Education Bill (HR 1)	✓		145
Energy Policy (HR 4)	✓		320
Fetal Protection Bill (HR 503)	✓		89
Farm Bill (HR2646)	✓		371
Norwood Amendment gutting Patient Protections		✗	329
Tax Cut (PL107-16)	✓		149
Human Cloning Ban (HR 2505)	✓		304

Track House Roll Call votes on the web at www.house.gov.

7th District Community Outreach Schedule

Representatives from my office host informal meetings throughout the 7th District on a regular basis so that we can continue to be responsive to your questions and concerns. Below are times and locations for these visits. This listing has been updated and is effective on January 2, 2002.

Abbeville

Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Place: City Hall

Arnaudville

Date: First Thursday
Time: 9:00 - 9:15 a.m.
Place: Town Hall

Broussard

Date: Third Thursday
Time: 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Place: Town Hall

Cameron

Date: Third Thursday
Time: 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Place: Courthouse

Cankton

Date: Third Tuesday
Time: 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Place: Town Hall

Carencro

Date: Third Thursday
Time: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Place: City Hall

Church Point

Date: Third Thursday
Time: 12:45 - 1:15 p.m.
Place: Town Hall

Crowley

Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Place: City Hall

DeQuincy

Date: Third Thursday
Time: 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
Place: City Hall

Duson

Date: Third Thursday
Time: 10:45 - 11:15 a.m.
Place: Town Hall

Delcambre

Date: Second Thursday
Time: 8:45 - 9:15 a.m.
Place: Town Hall

Erath

Date: Second Thursday
Time: 9:30 - 9:45 a.m.
Place: Town Hall

Eunice

Date: First and Third Tuesdays
Time: 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Place: City Hall

Gueydan

Date: Second Tuesday
Time: 11:30 a.m - 12:00 p.m.
Place: Town Hall

Grand Coteau

Date: First Thursday
Time: 8:30 - 8:45 a.m.
Place: Town Hall

Iota

Date: First Tuesday
Time: 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Place: Town Hall

Iowa

Date: Third Wednesday
Time: 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Place: Town Hall

Jennings

Date: First and Third Wednesdays
Time: 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Place: City Hall

Kaplan

Date: Second Thursday
Time: 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Place: Town Hall

Kinder

Date: Second Thursday
Time: 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Place: Town Hall

Krotz Springs

Date: First Thursday
Time: 10:30 - 10:45 a.m.
Place: Town Hall

Lake Arthur

Date: Third Wednesday
Time: 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Place: Town Hall

Maurice

Date: Second Thursday
Time: 8:00 - 8:15 a.m.
Place: Town Hall

Melville

Date: First Thursday
Time: 11:00-11:15 am
Place: Town Hall

Oakdale

Date: Second Thursday
Time: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Place: City Hall

Oberlin

Date: Second Thursday
Time: 2:15 - 2:45 p.m.
Place: Courthouse

Opelousas

Date: First and Third Tuesdays
Time: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Place: Sheriff's Office

Palmetto

Date: First Thursday
Time: 11:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Place: Town Hall

Port Barre

Date: First Thursday
Time: 10:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Place: Town Hall

Rayne

Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Place: City Hall

Scott

Date: Third Thursday
Time: 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Place: Town Hall

Sulphur

Date: First and Third Wednesdays
Time: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Place: City Hall

Sunset

Date: Third Tuesday
Time: 2:15 - 2:45 p.m.
Place: Town Hall

Ville Platte

Date: First and Third Tuesdays
Time: 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Place: City Hall

Vinton

Date: First Wednesday
Time: 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Place: City Hall

Welsh

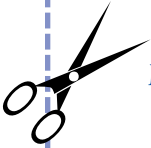
Date: First Wednesday
Time: 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Place: City Hall

Westlake

Date: Third Wednesday
Time: 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Place: City Hall

Youngsville

Date: Third Thursday
Time: 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Place: City Hall



Because Your Opinion Counts . . .

Let me hear from you! Please complete this survey and mail it to my Congressional District Office in Lafayette. Please choose the one answer that best reflects your viewpoint. I will compile the results and post them on my website in the coming months.

1) Something needs to be done to address the skyrocketing price of prescription drugs, particularly for seniors. Nearly 15 million Medicare beneficiaries have no insurance coverage for prescription drugs. What would you support?

- ☐ Basic Medicare benefit available to all seniors through the Medicare program.
- ☐ Program limited to low-income seniors and seniors with catastrophic drug coverage.
- ☐ Subsidize private insurance companies to offer Medigap-like coverage to seniors.
- ☐ Government should not provide a prescription drug benefit to seniors.

2) Which one of the following do you believe is the best way to deal with Social Security?

- ☐ Keep Social Security taxes and benefits as they are.
- ☐ Make Social Security more like private pension funds by investing in the stock market.
- ☐ Reduce guaranteed Social Security benefits and let me decide how a portion of my contribution will be invested.
- ☐ Eliminate Social Security and let me keep my own money and invest it however I want.

3) The White House Budget Director predicts our country may have a budget deficit next year. What is your opinion about the government running a deficit?

- ☐ We should do whatever is necessary to win the war against terrorism and stimulate the economy and not worry about a budget deficit.
- ☐ It is acceptable to borrow money (deficit spending) to fight the war on terrorism, but we should balance the rest of the budget.
- ☐ We should eliminate the deficit and pay for the war on terrorism by cutting federal programs such as education, healthcare and agriculture to maintain a balanced budget.
- ☐ We should eliminate the deficit and pay for the war on terrorism by scaling back tax cuts that are due to be phased in over the next 5 years.

Please mail completed to: Survey Response, 800 Lafayette Street, Suite 1400, Lafayette, LA 70501

If you would like the results emailed to you, please give us your e-mail address .